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#### CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 3796gg of this title; title 31 section 6703.

### § 10401. Declaration of purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to—

(1) assist States in efforts to increase public awareness about and prevent family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents; and

(2) provide for technical assistance and training relating to family violence programs to States, local public agencies (including law enforcement agencies, courts, legal, social service, and health care professionals), nonprofit private organizations, and other persons seeking such assistance.

(Pub. L. 98-457, title III, §302, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1757; Pub. L. 102-295, title III, §302, May 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 201.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Par. (1). Pub. L. 102-295, §302(1)(A), which directed the substitution of “assist” for “demonstration the effectiveness of assisting”, was executed by making the substitution for “demonstrate the effectiveness of assisting” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 102-295, §302(1)(B), substituted “to increase public awareness about and prevent” for “to prevent”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 102-295, §302(2), inserted “, courts, legal, social service, and health care professionals” after “enforcement agencies”.

#### SHORT TITLE

Section 301 of title III of Pub. L. 98-457 provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Family Violence Prevention and Services Act’.”

#### STUDY OF TRAINING NEEDS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Pub. L. 105-392, title IV, §407(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3589, provided that: “The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall request that the Institute of Medicine conduct a study concerning the training needs of health professionals with respect to the detection and referral of victims of family or acquaintance violence. Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 13, 1998], the Institute of Medicine shall prepare and submit to Congress a report concerning the study conducted under this subsection.”

### § 10402. State grants authorized

#### (a) Authority of Secretary; application; requirements; approval

(1) In order to assist in supporting the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents, the Secretary is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, to make grants to States.

(2) No grant may be made under this subsection unless the chief executive officer of the State seeking such grant submits an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may reasonably require. Each such application shall—

(A) provide that funds provided under this subsection will be distributed in grants to local public agencies and nonprofit private organizations (including religious and charitable organizations, and voluntary associations) for programs and projects within such State to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents in order to prevent future violent incidents;

(B) provide, with respect to funds provided to a State under this subsection for any fiscal year, that—

(i) not more than 5 percent of such funds will be used for State administrative costs; and

(ii) in the distribution of funds by the State under this subsection, the State will give special emphasis to the support of community-based projects of demonstrated effectiveness carried out by nonprofit private organizations, the primary purpose of which is to operate shelters for victims of family violence and their dependents, and those which provide counseling, advocacy, and self-help services to victims and their children.<sup>1</sup>

(C) set forth procedures designed to involve State domestic violence coalitions<sup>2</sup> knowledgeable individuals<sup>2</sup> and interested organizations and assure an equitable distribution of grants and grant funds within the State and between urban and rural areas within such State and a plan to address the needs of underserved populations, including populations underserved because of ethnic, racial, cultural, language diversity or geographic isolation;

(D) specify the State agency to be designated as responsible for the administration

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.